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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2004, please consider the following amendment and remarks. The present response was due on August 18, 2004. Therefore, the present response is being submitted with the required one-month extension of time request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the period of response to September 20, 2004 (the next business day after a weekend). If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.

Amendments to the claims and new claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.